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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The policy is to nationalize such enterprises as will be conducive to the welfare of the State. Since the hon. Member is still harping upon that question, I may inform him that actually a tentative Bill was drafted but we could not proceed with it for the reasons I have already stated.

Police raid in Walajabad Textile Workers' Union Premises

* 3005 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri P. Jeevanandam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a petition was given by the Walajabad Textile Workers' Union to the District Superintendent of Police, Chingleput district, in the last week of April 1955 about the behaviour of the Police at Walajabad when their Union premises was raided by some unsocial elements on 24th April 1955; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Police Department thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The allegations made in the petition were enquired into and they were found to be not true.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : May I know from the Hon. Minister, who has conducted the enquiry and whether the Union office-bearers were called at the time of the enquiry and their statements recorded?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The District Superintendent of Police made the enquiry and the office-bearers of the Union also were examined.

Moidu Rubber Estate, Angadipuram

* 3006 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the management of Moidu Rubber Estate, Angadipuram, South Malabar, have retrenched 17 workers recently; and

(*b*) what conciliation measures Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The matter was enquired into by the Labour Officer, Kozhikode. The workers' representative was satisfied that the principle of ' last come first go ' has been observed by the management of Moidu Rubber Estate in retrenching the workers taking the service particulars from 1949.